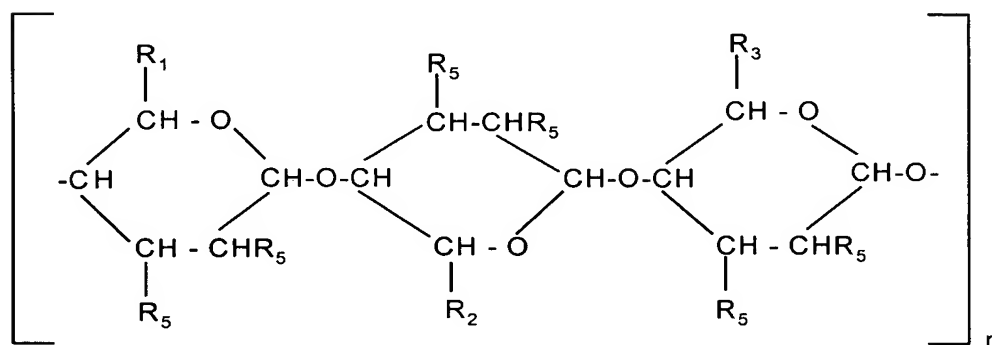


Claims:

1. A polymeric composition based on PVA, substantively composed of
 - a) from 50 to 99.9% by weight of polyvinyl alcohol with an average MW of from 5 000 to 25 000 and with a degree of hydrolysis of from 79 to 99.9 mol%, where the polyvinyl alcohol may contain carboxy groups or polyglycol units in the molecule, and
 - b) from 0.1 to 50% by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 15% by weight, and particularly preferably from 0.1 to 10% by weight, of one or more polysaccharides of the formula



where

R_1, R_2, R_3 are H, CH_2OH , $COOMe$, $COOMe$, $COOR_4$, $CONHR_6$, or CH_2OSO_3Me ,

and Me is Na, K, NH_4 , Mg, or Ca,

n is a number from 20 to 20 000, preferably from 100 to 10 000, in particular from 1 000 to 9 000,

R_4 is C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, preferably methyl,

R_5 is OH, $NHCOCH_3$, H or $OCOCH_3$ and

R_6 is H, $COCH_3$, or C_1 - C_4 , preferably methyl.

2. The polymeric composition as claimed in claim 1, which also comprises from 0 to 5% by weight of antifoam.
3. The polymeric composition as claimed in claim 1, which also comprises from 0 to 10% by weight of a surface-active compound.
4. The polymeric composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 0 to 10% by weight of hydrophobicizing oils.
5. The polymeric composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 0 to 3% by weight of modifiers or antiflow additives.
6. The polymeric composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 0 to 30% by weight of plasticizer.
7. The use of the polymeric composition as claimed in claim 1 for producing water-insoluble capsules or films.